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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed October 21, 2003 ("Final Action"), finally rejecting claims 1-7. The fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) for filing this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct this fee from Applicants' Representatives' Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including February 21, 2004, which falls on a Saturday and is therefore extended until Monday, February 23 under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.7 and authorization deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The Notice is thus timely filed, and Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fees for filing the Notice of Appeal and the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this communication. However, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason related to this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to consider this document a petition, and charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Applicants' Representatives' Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

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